Story Times

MAIN LIBRARY & BRANCHES

**Baby Time** Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.)
- **Main** Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - January 7 – February 25
- **Montana** Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - January 8 – February 12
- **Fairview** Mondays at 12:30 pm
  - January 6 – February 10
- **Ocean Park** Thursdays at 10:00 and 10:45 am
  - January 9 – February 13
  - February 27 – April 2

**Toddler Time** Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.)
- **Pico** Mondays at 11:00 am
  - January 6 – February 10
- **Ocean Park** Tuesdays at 10:00 am
  - January 7 – February 11
  - February 25 – March 31
- **Main** Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - January 9 – February 27
- **Montana** Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - January 9 – February 13

Cuentos para Pequeños

**Spanish Story Time** Para niños de 2 - 5 años de edad. (30 min.)
- en **Fairview** Miércoles a las 10:00 am
  - 8 de enero al 12 de febrero
- en **Pico** Martes a las 10:00 am
  - 7 de enero al 11 de febrero

CULTURAL EVENTS

**Preschool Explorers:**
**AFRICAN AMERICANS IN STEM**
MON, FEB 3 / 3:30pm [60 MIN] / AGES 3-6 / OCEAN PARK

**Artful Toddler:**
**AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS**
MON, FEB 10 / 11:15am [30 MIN]
18 MO to 5 YRS OLD / MONTANA BRANCH

**Pajama Story Time:**
**AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLKLORE**
MON, FEB 24 / 6:30PM [45 MIN]
FAMILIES / FAIRVIEW BRANCH

**Greens Festival**
SAT, FEB 29 / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm / FOR FAMILIES
PICO BRANCH / VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

**Teens**

**Website Workshop Series**
TUES & THURS, FEB 4, 6, 11 & 13 / 5:00pm [2 HRS] / GRADES 9 & UP
COMPUTER TRAINING ROOM / MAIN LIBRARY

**Coming In March:**
**Building a Love of Books**
SATURDAYS, MARCH 14-APRIL 4 / 3:00pm [90 MIN] / MAIN LIBRARY
Building a Love of Books is a 4-week family workshop series that will help parents and children (ages 3-8) find fun ways to connect and spend time together. For more information, or to register, stop by the Main Library, call 310-458-8621, or email vs.user@smgov.net.

ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 310-458-8621

All programs are held in the Activity Room unless otherwise noted.

UKULELE SATURDAYS!
SAT, FEB 1 / YOUTH ACTIVITY ROOM
10:15 to 10:45am / UKULELE PETTING ZOO
AGES 5 & UNDER, WITH A PARTICIPATING ADULT
11:00 to 11:45am / KIDS, AGES 6-12
Heidi Swedberg teaches you how to play “the happiest instrument in the world.” Bring your own ukulele or use one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and on a first-arrival basis.

L.E.A.R.N.:
Learn, Excel, Achieve & Read Now
Mondays & Wednesdays, FEB 5-26
5:30 to 6:00pm / GRADES 1-8
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. No L.E.A.R.N. on Feb 17.

Read & Play
Wednesdays, FEB 5, 12, 19 & 26
11:15am to 12:00pm / AGES 0-5
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities.

Community Kids:
Ocean Pollution Prevention
THU, FEB 6 / 5:00 to 6:00pm / AGES 6-12
Learn about the causes of and solutions to marine pollution through this interactive presentation by

Heal the Bay

LEGO Challenge
THU, FEB 13 / 3:30 to 5:00pm / AGES 4-11
Create a LEGO maze that another person must solve blindfolded! Are you up for the challenge?

Preschool Explorers: Valentine’s Day
SAT, FEB 15 / 10:30am [45 min] / AGES 3-6
Listen to stories and explore Valentine’s Day-themed science stations.

CoderDojo Workshop
SAT, FEB 22 / 3:00pm [2 hrs] / AGES 8-17
Practice computer science and coding skills with volunteer mentors. Use our laptops or bring your own. Registration starts 2/14.

Fairview Branch
2101 Ocean Park Blvd * 310-458-8681

Read & Play
THU, FEB 6 & SAT, FEB 22
3:30 to 5:00 pm / AGES 0-5
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities.

Music & Movement at the Library
FRI, FEB 14 & 28 / 3:30pm [30 min]
AGES 18 MONTHS to 5 YEARS
A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy concepts.

Artful Toddler
THU, FEB 20 / 3:30 pm [60 min]
AGES 18 MONTHS to 5 YEARS
Listen to stories illustrated in the art technique of collage, then explore this open-ended art form using paper and glue.

Black History Month

Artful Toddler:
African American Artists
MON, FEB 10 / 11:00am [30 min]
AGES 18 MONTHS to 5 YEARS
Discover the artwork of notable African American artists and get inspired to create your own masterpiece. Limited space; tickets available 15 min. before program.

Mini Masters of Library Science
TUE, FEB 11 / 6:30pm [60 min] / FAMILIES
It’s Library Lovers Month! Become a librarian for the night with a variety of library challenges such as sorting and checking out books to earn your very own Mini Master of Library Science degree.

Cursive Kids: Invisible Ink
THU, FEB 13 / 3:30pm [60 min] / GRADES K-5
Practice cursive with a secret message Valentine using invisible ink. For all levels in cursive.

Ni Hao Story Time
TUE, FEB 18 / 6:30pm [45 min] / FAMILIES
A family story time presented in Mandarin. Presented by Ni Hao Chinese.

Montana Ave Branch
1704 Montana Ave * 310-458-8682

Black History Month

Artful Toddler:
African American Folklore
MON, FEB 24 / 6:30pm [45 min] / FAMILIES
Join us for a pajama story time featuring favorite stories from the library’s African American folklore collection. Art activity to follow.

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Ocean Park BRANCH
2601 Main Street • 310-458-8683

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Preschool Explorers: African Americans in STEM
MON, FEB 3 / 3:30 pm / AGES 3-6
Learn about African American scientists and innovators who have shaped our world.

Pajama Story Time: Friendship
WED, FEB 19
6:30 pm (30 min) / FAMILIES
Wear your PJs and come with a friend (a stuffed animal or a human) to enjoy stories and songs about friendship.

Get Started with 3D Printing
THU, FEB 20 / 3:30 pm / AGES 7-10
Learn the basics of 3D printing and design by completing a guided project. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net

A LEGO-Building Afternoon
THU, FEB 27 / 5:30 to 5:00 pm / AGES 4-11

Pico BRANCH
2201 Pico Blvd • 310-458-8684

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FEB 4-27
5:30 to 6:00 pm
GRADES 1-8
THE ANNEX

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available.

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: An Empowering Workshop for Adults
THU, FEB 6 / 6:30 pm (2 hrs) / FAMILIES
Parents and caregivers play a unique role in child abuse prevention. Learn how to protect the children in your lives. Presented in partnership with Family Service of Santa Monica. Childcare provided by CREST. Call 310-458-8684 or email PBUser@smgov.net to register.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Greens Festival
SAT, FEB 29 / 10:00am to 2:00pm
FAMILIES / VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Join Virginia Avenue Park (VAP) and the Parent Connection Group (PCG) as they celebrate Black History Month with the annual Greens Festival. This year’s festival theme is Dynasties of the Diaspora: Fathers and Mothers of Civilization and will feature cooking demos with chefs, a community greens cooking contest, a Black History Month exhibit, arts & crafts, a scavenger hunt, musical performances, book readings and more!

Library Hours
MAIN LIBRARY MON-THUR: 10:00am-9:00pm
FRI-SAT: 10:00am-5:30pm / SUN: 1:00pm-5:00pm
BRANCHES MON-THUR: NOON-9:00pm
FRI-NOON: 5:30pm / SAT: 10:00am-5:30pm
SUN: All Branches CLOSED

RIDE YOUR BIKE
Bicycle parking racks are available at the Main Library and all Branch Libraries.

big blue bus
MAIN LIBRARY Lines 1, 7, R7, R10 and 18
FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY Lines 8, Crosstown 41 and Sunset 44
MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY Lines 18 and Crosstown 41
OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY Lines 1 & 8
PICO BRANCH LIBRARY Line 7

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All programs are free and the public is cordially invited to attend. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Organized children’s groups wishing to attend library programs are requested to make arrangements in advance with a children’s librarian.

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The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at 310-458-8606 at least one week prior to event.

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Main Library

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Training for Tech Teen Volunteer and Leadership Program
SAT, FEB 1 / 11:00 am [6 hrs]
GRADES 9-12 / MULTIPURPOSE RM
Become eligible to volunteer at library tech events by attending this mandatory training. High school students only. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Send questions to ideashappen@smgov.net.

What College-Bound Student Athletes Need to Know
THU, FEB 13 / 7:00 pm (60 min)
GRADES 9-11 / MULTIPURPOSE RM
Get familiar with the different options for playing sports in college (and the importance of aiming at the right level), what steps to take to prepare, and when to start the process. Presented by college counselor (and avid Dodger fan) Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling and College Mentors.

FIND Ukulele Saturdays!
SAT, FEB 1 / 12:15 to 1:30pm
TEENS & ADULTS / MLKJR. AUDITORIUM
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Learn the basics of creating websites using HTML and CSS through this series of two-hour courses. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net by February 1.

Pico Branch

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SAT Test Prep Workshop Series & Practice Exams
SATURDAYS, FEB 1, 8, 15 & 22 / 9:00 to 10:30am
GRADES 9-11 / THE ANNEX
This guided workshop by Study Smart Tutors outlines all of the important information you need to know about the SAT test so you can prepare correctly, reduce your stress, and get your best score. Registration required. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park.

Pico Teen Advisory Council Meeting
MON, FEB 3 / 4:30pm (60 min) / GRADES 8-12 / THE ANNEX
Have a voice at your library! Help plan programs and community service projects. Earn volunteer hours. Meets once a month. Snacks provided.

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